

APPENDIX 3

Questions to ask yourself about the assignment throughout the work process:

1 Interest/driving force

The 'why' of the study

- What do I want to find out?
- Why is it interesting?

2 Thesis statement

the 'what' of the study

One question

- 'Translate' your personal interest/attitude into a research question
- What exactly do you want to study?
- Delimit and focus the thesis statement (in time, space, people, phenomena)
- Define the key issue and make a hierarchy of the other questions
- Ask yourself questions about all your ideas

3 Research question

question/thesis one question divided into several smaller questions

- Express your research question as a question/thesis one question divided into several smaller questions
- Define key concepts
- Structure your assignment (literature review, analysis, assessment, discussion)

4 Materials

The 'where' of the study

- What materials can be found which:
 - Examine (more or less) the same thing (secondary materials)
 - Can help you answer the research question (primary materials)
- Put the materials into a hierarchy: Which source has most to say about the issue?

5 Methods/procedure

The 'how' of the study

- How will you do it?
- What is the best way to answer the questions?
 - How will you analyse your materials?

6 Preparation/presentation

The 'like this' of the study

- How will you be presenting the study?
- What is the best way to present your results?